IT SEEMS...
THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME...
THE PREPAR-ATIONS?
YES!
ALL THE NECCESARY ITEMS ARE AT THE OFFICE...
BUT...
IT'S GOING TO BE ROUGH.

YEAH...
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WE'LL BE RELYING ON YOU.
THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE OF UNFORSEEN CIRCUM-STANCES.
THAT'S WHY ME, YOU, AND BOTH GUARDIAN FOXES WILL BE THERE.
TODAY,
WE HAVE KUZURE-CHAN'S GUARDIANS APPROVAL.
WE CAN'T TELL HER, OBVIOUSLY. SO THEN IT'LL BE UP TO NAO-KUN...
WHAT ABOUT KUZURE?
WITHOUT HER KNOWING A THING,
HE WILL BRING HER HERE.

...I KNOW IT HURTS TO TRICK HER LIKE THIS,
IT'S MY HOPE WE CAN ALL ACCEPT IT THOUGH.
THAT'S RIGHT...
FURTHERMORE... THIS IS FOR KUZURE-SAN'S OWN GOOD...
EVENTUALLY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROTECT OURSELVES,
THERE-FORE,
WE MUST HARDEN OUR HEARTS,
AND SEE THIS DONE!
RIGHT...

17尾 Injection Fox

VACCIN-ATIONS?
A FEW DAYS AGO...
KITSUNE ARE A VARIANT OF FOXES,
I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT...
THAT'S FINE! IT'S AN EASY THING TO FORGET!
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I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR KUZURE-CHAN TO GET THEM.
YUP,
I SEE, WE HAVE TO DO THOSE.
I'VE GOTTEN THEM OF COURSE,
OTSUNE-CHAN AND MITSUNE-CHAN HAVE TOO.
DON'T WORRY, THE OFFICE WILL BE COVERING THE FEES.
AH, THANKS FOR THAT.
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BUT,
TO GET VACCINATED, SHE NEEDS INJECTIONS,
SO WE THINK IT'D BE BEST TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM KUZURE-CHAN.
BUT WHY...?
IT'S GONNA BE TOUGH IF SHE LEARNS WHAT INJECTIONS ARE AND HATES THEM.
SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
WELL, BUT...
AH....
THAT WOULD BE TOUGH...
WORST CASE, SHE COULD RUN AWAY...
She's been going out for walks alone lately...
RIGHT?
IT'S STILL GONNA BE A CHALLENGE THOUGH?
IT'S FINE, WE'VE THOUGHT UP A PLAN.

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Is it really for the best though?
...I brought her here without saying a thing.
...
We're going to go buy apparel
Hanging out with Nadeta!
No work today!
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I'M SORRY.
Kuzure...

ちょこん
…
ポリ…
キョロ
キョロ
…
NAO-HITO,
THEY SEEM KINDA PALE?
RE-REALLY? AREN'T YOU IMAGINING IT?
LET ME GET YOR JACKET FOR YOU~

NOW THEN,
LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
AH!
ARE YOU READY?
IZUNA!
NOW,
I'M A DOCTOR. A DOCTOR.
CAN'T YOU TELL BY LOOKING?
...WHAT'S WITH THOSE CLOTHES?

KUZURE-SAN, I'M GOING TO BE GIVING YOU SOME INJECTIONS,
IT WON'T TAKE LONG, SO STAY STILL.
EH...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THAT LOOKS REALLY EVIL!
DISINFECT HER NAOHITO-SAN.
HUH?
Just a liiittle prick.
It's dangerous, so don't move~
EH? WHAT !?
YOU'RE GONNA STAB ME WITH THAT!?
EH !? !?

St-
Stop...
So adorable
She's so scared
Aah
Because of me

HEY! KUZURE!
NO!
OH NO!
MIT-SUNE-KUN! OT-SUNE-KUN!
BAR-RIER!
YEAH YEAH!
EVERYTHING IS READY...

GOT IT NOJA!
NOW!
HEY!
OTSUNE AND MITSUNE!
YOU!
SHE'S REALLY PISSED NOJA...
CAN'T BE HELPED RIGHT?
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EMER-
GENCY
MEAS-
URES!
AHAHA!
WHAT
POWER!
EVEN THE
TWO OF US
TOGETHER...
BE
QUIET
NOJA!
FOCUS!
KUZU-
MOCHI!

EEK!
I'm sorry
I'm sorry
I'm afraid of
what will happen
if I refuse!
HEY!
KUZU-
MOCHI!!
LET GO
NOJA!
I WON'T
LET YOU
LEAVE
KUZURE-
KUN!

HUH?
AH!
AAAA

S-SORRY, THAT WAS CARELESS OF ME...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT KINEZUKA-SAN? DID YOU GET...
OW...
AAH, DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE HAS ANY IMMUNITY TO THAT SORTA THING...
OGLING HER LIKE THAT...
...HOW SLOVENLY,

KUZU-RE!
NAO-HITO...
YOU'RE TERR-IBLE!
YOU STAYED QUIET AND TRIED TO DO SOMETHING SO SCARY!
THAT'S SO MEAN!
...WE WEREN'T TRYING TO SCARE YOU,
AND NOW YOU'RE THE ONE ACTING SCARY,
WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF I TOLD YOU AHEAD OF TIME?
UGH!
PLEASE GET VACCINATED, IT WILL PROTECT YOU FROM GETTING SICK!

KU-KUZURE IS STRONG AND CAN'T GET SICK!
EVEN SO!
...I KNOW YOU'RE STRONG AND HEALTHY,
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GET SICK!
IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THE PATHOGEN COULD MUTATE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF YOUR STRONG SPIRITUAL POWERS!
AND THEN EVERYONE AROUND YOU WILL SUFFER...
IF YOU'RE VACCINATED, THEN YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM CAN DEFEAT THE BACTERIA BEFORE IT CAN MUTATE...
SO PLEASE!
WILL YOU GET THEM FOR OUR SAKE...?
...OKAY.
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※Spare glasses
SO...
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
I SEE.
SHE ONLY OK'D IT UNDER THE CONDITION THAT NAO-KUN ADMINISTERED IT.
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE THE NEEDLE, SO WE'RE GIVING IT TO HER FROM THE BOTTOM.

TH-THANK YOU.
I'M QUALIFIED, SO I CAN SUPPORT YOU.
YEAH,
THE LAWS AROUND KITSUNE ARE STILL KINDA VAGUE...
YEAH, IT SHOULD BE FINE.
...IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT FOR ME TO DO THIS? LEGALLY SPEAKING...
Yes
?!
ALRIGHT, ARE YOU READY?
KUZURE HATES SHOTS...
BUT HATES EVERYONE SUFFERING EVEN MORE...
I'LL BEAR WITH IT.
ぐす...
JUST GET IT OVER WITH!
ばっちこーい!!
A-ALRIGHT THEN!
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スッ...

Going in...
Ah...
Nao-hito...
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あっ
はぁはぁ
Kuzure can't!
...Nao-hito!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
YOU'RE SO SKILLFUL!
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!
No...
WELL.
WELL, WHEN TALKING ABOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS.
THEY SAY THE SHOCK CAUSES PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE CEREBRAL ANEMIA.
INJECTIONS CAN CAUSE PEOPLE TO FAINT,
IS IT FINE IF SHE SLEEPS HERE?
SURE, NO PROBLEM.
AS LONG AS SHE NEEDS.

SORRY SHE BROKE THE DOOR.
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IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE!
...BUT KUZURE SURE IS INTERESTING.
BORN AN ABOMINATION WITH FIENDISH POWER...
YET KIND ENOUGH TO ACCEPT SUCH HATED INJECTIONS FOR OUR SAKE.
But,
Because of her young nature, she's unbalanced, which is dangerous...
That's the part that worries me...
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なおひと...
But...
Doesn't seem like... It'll be a problem.